Spread of Kalazar in the Country

†1869. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the spread of Kalazar in the different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof specially in respect of Bihar; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Kala-azar is endemic in Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. As per reports received from the State Health authorities, number of Kala-azar cases and deaths during the last 3 years is enclosed as Statement. (*See* below)

(c) A Centrally Sponsored Kala-azar Control Programme is operative since 1990-91 with the following strategies to control the disease:—

- Interruption of transmission through vector control by undertaking residual insecticidal spraying in affected areas.
- Early diagnosis and complete treatment through Primary Health Care System.
- Health Education and Community participation.

Statement

Details of Kala-azar Cases during the last three years

Sl. No.	Affected States	1999		2000		2001(P)		2002(P)		Reported upto
		Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	
1.	Bihar	11627	277	129 9	130	10327	204	7362	106	August
2.	Jharkhand	*	*	469*	0	589	0	517	0	August
3.	West Bengal	1091	6	1244	11	1238	4	1137	4	September
4.	Uttar Pradesh		81	5	47	0	22	3	18	1 August
5.	Imported Cases reported from other areas	87	9	84	9	63	2	14	2	September
Total:		12886	297	14753	150	12239	213	9048	113	

(*)=Reported by Bihar

(P)=Provisional

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